

## **Drawing Near to God--How do I spend time with God? Part 3**

**Connect.** Ask them how they're doing. Also ask if they tried the Bible study method on their own that we did last week--how did it go?

*"This week we're going to try a different way to read the Bible. Like before, it's something you can do by yourself or in a group of friends. It's called the 'Digging Deep Method.' Have you ever seen a movie more than once, and the second or third time you saw it, you got something totally new and different out of it, something you didn't notice before? The same thing is true with God's Word. There's a lot more there than what's on the surface."*

*Here's how to do the 'Digging Deep Method':*

*Step 1: Pray. Ask God to open your eyes and your heart, so you can get what he has for you in the Bible.*

*Step 2: Read the passage of Scripture once straight through. This works pretty well with any part of the Bible.*

*Step 3: Take a sheet of paper and write down 10 things you observe. This could be really simple things, or really deep things...just 10 observations.*

*Step 4: Read the passage a second time.*

*Step 5: Write down 10 more things you observe.*

*Step 6: Think about this question: 'What is the main thing God is telling you through this passage?'*

Now try it in your group. Follow these steps (do it all together, make one list as a group), using John 11:1-44.

## **Wrap Up**

Encourage them to try this on their own this week! People can do this by themselves or in a group with friends. Try it with John 4:1-42 on your own or with a couple friends!